

EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Ex Parte No. 677 (Sub-No 1)

***COMMON CARRIER OBLIGATION OF RAILROADS—
TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS***

**PETITION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL, THE CHLORINE INSTITUTE,
EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE, THE FERTILIZER INSTITUTE, AND THE NATIONAL
INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION LEAGUE
TO RECONSIDER DECISION REGARDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

In a Notice of Public Hearing ("Notice") served on June 4, 2008, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") announced that it would hold a public hearing on July 16, 2008 to examine issues related to the common carrier obligation of railroads with respect to the transportation of hazardous materials. In that same order, the Board required the filing of written testimony by July 2, 2008. Many of the parties to this pleading, and others, asked the Board to extend the procedural schedule by approximately sixty days, and the Association of American Railroads stated that it did not object to an extension of the hearing date to July 30, 2008. However, by an order dated June 20, the Board denied all of these requests, and extended the date for the hearing by six days, from July 16 to July 22, and extended the due date for written comments also by six days, from July 2 to July 8.

The parties to this Motion request reconsideration of the Board's decision. The six-day extension of written comments, from July 2 to July 8, provides little or no effective extra time to develop written comments, because of the three-day July 4 holiday and previously-scheduled vacations surrounding it for attorneys, association clients, company members and others.

The above-noted parties ask the Board to extend the date for the hearing to July 29, with written comments due no earlier than July 15, an extension to which no party to this proceeding has objected. In the alternative, these parties ask the Board to extend the due date for written comments to no earlier than July 15, even if the hearing remains scheduled for July 22. This would at least provide some effective additional time for the parties to consider the subject matter of this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nicholas R. Michael". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

American Chemistry Council
The Chlorine Institute
Edison Electric Institute
The Fertilizer Institute
The National Industrial Transportation League

Dated June 20, 2008